

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention has achieved the above objects by providing an absorbent article comprising: a liquid-permeable top layer; a liquid-impermeable back layer; a liquid retentive absorbent member, interposed entirely between ^[the] said top layer and ^[the] said back layer, ^[wherein the] said absorbent member ^[is] being arranged to form (a) an opposing pair of barrier cuffs which are within longitudinal edges of said top layer and extend along the longitudinal edges, said absorbent member containing a single absorbent sheet, said pair of barrier cuffs being formed by integrally folding only the single absorbent sheet and said top layer, and (b) a pocket portion formed between said pair of barrier cuffs; and a projecting portion located between said barrier cuffs on a skin contactable surface side of said pocket portion along the longitudinal direction of said barrier cuffs, said projecting portion being formed by an absorbent pad, wherein said absorbent sheet has a thickness of 0.3 mm to 5 mm.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The sanitary napkin 6' shown in Fig. 14 comprises:

- the first liquid-permeable top layer 10;
- the liquid impermeable back layer 20;

the first liquid retentive absorbent member 30 interposed between the first liquid-permeable top layer 10 and the liquid impermeable back layer 20;

the second liquid-permeable top layer 10';

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the second liquid retentive absorbent member 30; enclosed by the second liquid-permeable top layer 10', the second liquid retentive absorbent member includes a planar pad (absorbent sheet 31') and an auxiliary pad (absorbent body 81'), the second liquid retentive absorbent member including an opposing pair of barrier cuffs 40,40 which are within longitudinal edges of the first liquid retentive top layer 10 and extend along longitudinal edges of the first liquid retentive top layer 10, and the pocket portion 50 formed between the pair of barrier cuffs 40,40, and

means 91,91 for securing the first liquid-permeable top layer 10 to the second liquid-permeable top layer 10'.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In the sanitary napkin 6' shown in Fig. 14, a separate body 90' having a pocket portion 50 between the pair of barrier cuffs 40, 40 is secured to the skin contacting surface side of the top layer of the sanitary napkin 6' by an adhesive agent. The absorbent sheet 31' of the separate body 90' are- is not overlaid in the barrier cuffs 40, 40, and the elastic members 70, 70 are each located outward the absorbent sheet 31'. A projecting portion 80' is obtained by interposing a conventional absorbent body 81' comprising a mount, a nonwoven fabric, a pulp, a liquid-

absorbent polymer and the like, between the absorbent sheet 31' of the separate body 90' and the top layer 10'. In the embodiment shown in Fig. 14, the same explanation as given in the above-mentioned embodiments is applicable to the constitution and composing materials to which the specific explanation has not been given.

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